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Fightin' the decline

Phillies have maintained strong tradition of black baseball players in era of declining numbers

African-American major leaguers declined from 25 percent in 1975 to 8 percent in both 2010 and 2011

The Red Sox' Marlon Byrd just shook his head when asked why the African-American population in baseball has dropped to just 8.05 percent. In 1975, 27 percent of major league players were African-American.

"I wish I could tell you why things are like this now," Byrd said. "All I can say is that when I came up with the Phillies 10 years ago we had six (African-American) players. I thought that was the norm."

One of those athletes is Jimmy Rollins, the longest tenured member of the Phillies. The veteran shortstop is apparently color-blind since he failed to notice that the Phillies have been above the norm during his run with the team.

"Has it been?" Rollins asked. Yes. Byrd is on the money regarding the 2002 squad. Fast-forward to the current team. At the start of spring training Ryan Howard, Juan Pierre, John Mayberry Jr. Dontrelle Willis, Domonic Brown and Tyson Gillies, were part of the Phillies' 40-man roster, along with Rollins.

Sure, the ineffective Willis was waived before camp broke and Brown and Gillies are in the minors. But the Phillies hope that they will join the big club at some point.

So the Phillies, the last team in the National League to sign a black player (John Kennedy finally broke the Phillies' color line in 1959), have been above average over the last decade with periods when they've had a whopping six African-Americans on the 25-man roster.

Byrd, amazingly the lone black baseball player in Chicago — all of Chicago, home to both the Cubs and the White Sox — before he was traded to Boston in April, said "the Phillies have done a good job of bringing in (African-American) players and they're a big reason they've been so successful over recent years."

Rollins doesn't believe that race has anything to do with the Phillies' acquisitions.

"It definitely wasn't anyone saying 'let's get a black player here,'" Rollins said.

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▶ Three black ballplayers together, like Rollins, Brown and Howard here, is a rare sight these days.

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"Next thing I know, I'm in a cab with a big painting. I woke up in the morning, painting leaning up against the dresser and I had red wine on my shirt, fully clothed. Now I'm thinking something happened, but what?"

FORMER FOX 29 WEATHERMAN JOHN BOLARIS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS CUOMO ON "20/20" THAT AIRED FRIDAY ON ABC

"I hadn't really paid attention to baseball since the '70s but I got back into it because of (Rollins). I got even more into it when Howard came up and did so good but to be honest, when they started winning, I love them all. It doesn't matter what color they are."

SAMUEL WASHINGTON, SOUTHWEST PHILADELPHIA, WHILE WAITING IN LINE FOR CHICKIE'S & PETE'S CRAB FRIES AT A RECENT GAME

In the news

Casino revenue
SugarHouse Casino brought in $16.4 million in slot machine revenue in May, up 10 percent from the previous year. The Delaware Avenue gaming hall saw its revenue take the second largest jump among Pennsylvania casinos.

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▶ Mayberry and Howard are both homegrown Phillies talents.

Rollins: 'Baseball not a glamour sport'

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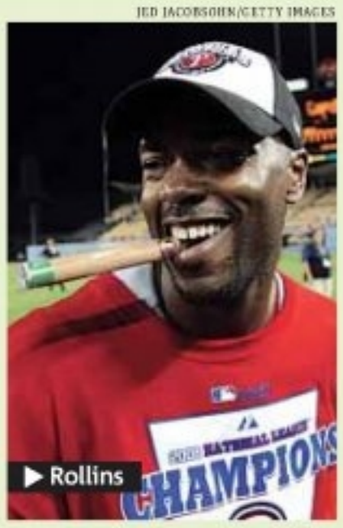

▶ Rollins

Jimmy Rollins says he became a baseball player because of his mother. She played softball and she always loved baseball," Rollins said. "She exposed me to it and I loved going to Oakland A's games when I was a kid."

The A's won a championship in 1989 and were a dominant team during Rollins' childhood and he was part of MLB's Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program. "It was great back then," Rollins said. "It was the A's and baseball for me."

But for most African-American kids living in the inner city, basketball and football rule.

"That's true and I think that's it's due to marketing," Rollins said. "The NBA does a fantastic job at marketing their players. Football does a good job as well. They both market the heck out of players. Baseball is not a glamour sport, especially in the minors. You don't see high school baseball games on TV. What you see on TV is what you want to be. I don't know why we're not marketed like that. I think that's why you see what you see or don't see."

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Keeping ball alive in Philly

Major League Baseball noticed the sagging numbers of African-American players and fans during the late '80s. The Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program, which was born in 1989, is an initiative whose mission is to increase urban youth's interest in baseball and softball.

"One of the beacons of the RBI program is the Philadelphia RBI branch," RBI director David James said. "The Phillies are one of 13 major league teams involved with the program, and they do a wonderful job."

More than 9,500 kids from Philly are part of RBI. The ethnic breakdown is 38 percent African-American, 38 percent Caucasian, 21 percent Latino and 3 percent Asian.

The goal of RBI isn't to manufacture future MLB players. METRO/EC

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News in brief

Postal clerk nabbed green-handed

NEW JERSEY. U.S. postal inspectors at the Belmawr distribution facility on Wednesday intercepted two packages containing plastic bags with 5 pounds of marijuana inside. They were allegedly slated to be delivered to Arturo Delgado, 28, an employee at the Vineland post office located on the 1500 block of Almond Road.

After confirming the packages' contents, officials resealed them and sent them out for normal delivery. When the parcels arrived at the Vineland depot, Delgado allegedly took them outside and put them in a vehicle.

Vineland narcotics detectives then arrested Delgado along with the driver of the vehicle, identified as Dylan Burke, 19. Both were charged with possession of marijuana more than 50 grams and possession with the intent to distribute. METRO/AW

New leader for Pennsylvania SPCA

PHILADELPHIA. The Pennsylvania SPCA has named former senior executive of the Campbell Soup Company Jerry Buckley as its new CEO.

Buckley worked for 16 years at Campbell, serving as both senior vice president of public affairs and chairman of the company's charity foundation, which donates about $1 million each year to organizations around its Camden, N.J., hometown. METRO/AW

A roadblock down, more remain for city budget

State Sen. Larry Farnese announced yesterday he is withdrawing his legislative roadblock to the city's budget that includes Mayor Michael Nutter's Actual Value Initiative of property tax reform because he is confident that local lawmakers will institute his proposed changes on their own.

"Basically, my amendment was going to do what City Council was already going to do," Farnese said. The senator threw somewhat of a wrench in the Nutter administration's proposed shift to the Actual Value Initiative, in which properties will be taxed based on their true market value, when he introduced the amendment in mid-May to a state bill allowing the city to set a tax rate. That bill must pass Harrisburg in order for the city to implement the tax overhaul.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Farnese

Farnese's amendment would have barred the city from collecting revenue for the school district directly from property reassessments, forcing lawmakers to consider the tax reform independently from the issue of delegating more money to schools. "I wanted to ensure that AVI and school district funding were kept as two separate issues," he said.

But he withdrew the proposal following a Friday brunch with other members of the Philadelphia delegation in the state Legislature. "At this point, I have received assurances that they will not be wrapped up in one vote, they will be separate," he said. "How City Council does that, the legislative process ... it's going to be basically up to them."

Farnese said that, given the assurances, the bill allowing the city to set a tax rate should pass in the next few days.

The tentative consensus among state and local lawmakers may represent a significant step forward in agreeing on a budget. Council members have in recent weeks cited uncertainty in Harrisburg as a large contributing factor to their reservations about voting for budget that includes AVI.

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Big hurdles

Clarke said Council still has two big concerns with Nutter's "actual value initiative."

They involve putting in place protective measures for homeowners who may see a large jump in property tax bills and increasing school district accountability for how money Council dedicates to the body is spent.

"At the end of the day, for support for revenue to go to the school district, we must have in place significant accountability," he said.

He could not yet detail what the accountability measures might look like, but called the budget "a moving process that is quickly coming to an end."

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Blackwater men lose Iraq deaths appeal

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal by four Blackwater security guards who argued prosecutors made improper use of their statements to investigators in charging them with killing 14 Iraqi civilians in 2007.

The justices refused to review a ruling by a U.S. appeals court in Washington, D.C., that reinstated the criminal charges against the guards for their roles in the Baghdad shooting that outraged Iraqis.

The shooting occurred as the guards, U.S. State Department security contractors, escorted a heavily armed four-truck convoy of U.S. diplomats through the Iraqi capital. **REUTERS**

Sandusky victims lose right to anonymity during trial

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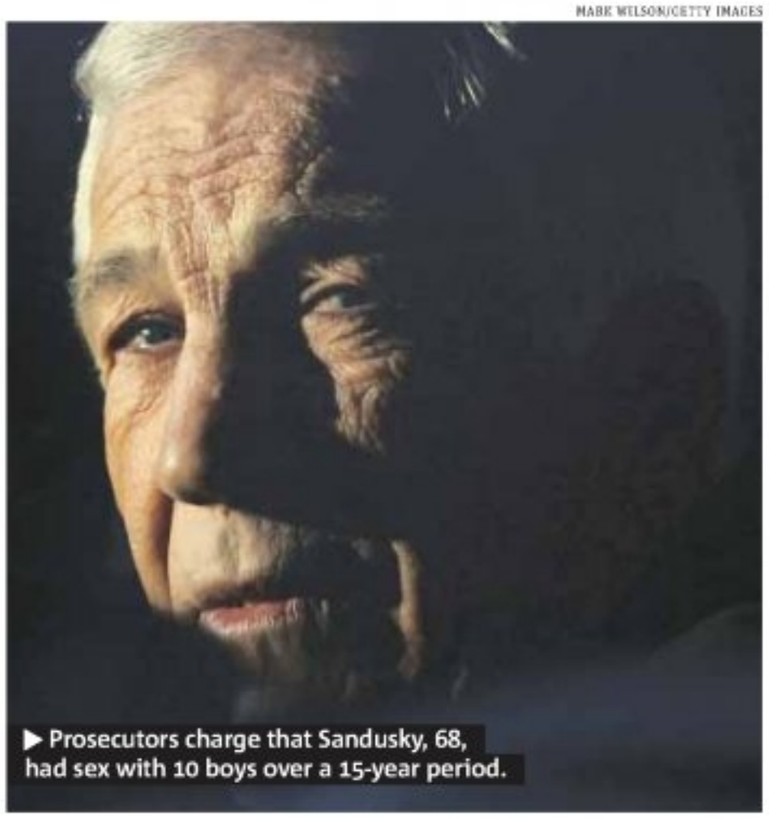

▶ Prosecutors charge that Sandusky, 68, had sex with 10 boys over a 15-year period.

Jerry Sandusky's alleged sex abuse victims will not be allowed to use fake names to hide their identities during his criminal trial, a Pennsylvania judge ruled yesterday.

Prosecutors charge that Sandusky, 68, had sex with 10 boys over a 15-year period. Four of those boys — numbers 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 — filed motions last week asking for permission to use pseudonyms when the trial begins.

But Judge John Cleland said he couldn't allow their identities to be hidden during the trial.

"Secrecy is thought to be inconsistent with the openness required to assure the public that the law is being administered fairly and applied faithfully," Cleland wrote in his order dismissing the request.

"It is argued in the motions that for an alleged victim of a sexual assault to fulfill that responsibility is so uniquely embarrassing that the person should be protected by being able to conceal his name. But why should any class of witnesses be protected? No victim of crime, after all, is spared the trauma of crime's effects — and the severity of the trauma does not necessarily mirror the nature of the crime," the judge said. **REUTERS**

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JUDGE JOHN CLELAND

Cops arrest suspect in mutilated body mailing

BERLIN. A Canadian man suspected of murdering and dismembering a Chinese student, then posting a video of the grisly crime online, was arrested in an Internet cafe in Berlin yesterday after an international manhunt.

Interpol had issued a "red notice," its highest type of warning, for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, who faces first-degree murder charges in the death of 32-year-old Jun Lin.

Magnotta, who used at least three identities and was an avid Internet user, is believed to have killed Lin with an pick axe, dismembered and defiled his body and then mailed some of the body parts to political parties in the Canadian capital, Ottawa. **REUTERS**

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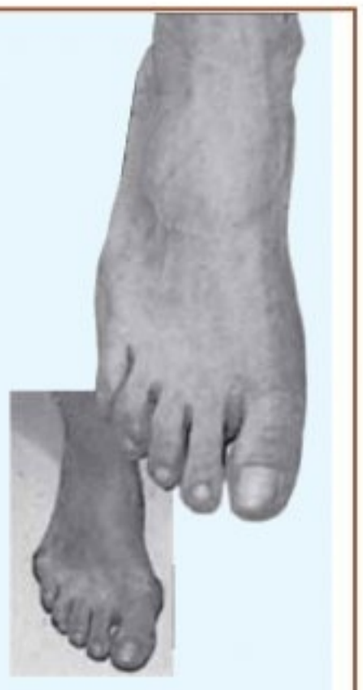

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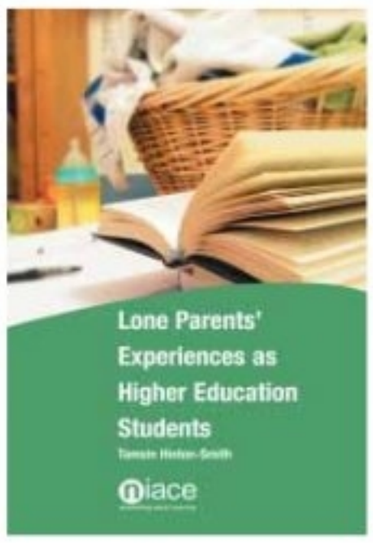

Single-parent students still face difficulties

Seventeen years ago, with her newborn daughter in tow, Tamsin Hinton-Smith began her undergraduate career at England's University of Sussex. Today, Smith is a full-time professor there, where she also received her doctorate in sociology. But she fears that the support she received as a single parent in higher education is currently eroding as the U.K. moves toward a U.S.-style funding model.

Her latest study — "Lone Parents' Experiences as Higher Education Students: Learning to Juggle" — is one of the most comprehensive looks at single mothers in higher education to date, and one that could provide insight into the dilemmas of student moms and dads in the United States.

"Universities need to do more to acknowledge that students have to balance paid work with their studies."
TAMSIN HINTON-SMITH

▶ Hinton-Smith

"Universities need to do more to acknowledge that students have to balance paid work with their studies," says Smith. "It's very clear that the typical student is not a [privileged] young man with no responsibilities."

The "Lone Parents" study chronicled the lives of 77 college-enrolled single mothers across the U.K. Each woman was interviewed biweekly, and each had an opportunity to provide anonymous responses to questions regarding her struggles and personal victories.

Many familiar stories emerged: lack of time, childcare and resources among them. Interestingly, prestigious institutions tended to be less single parent-friendly.

"This is really relevant to the U.S. because, like the U.K., [it stands] apart from the other wealthy countries in the way that lone parenthood has really been problematized and stigmatized as a social problem," says Smith. "The cultures are similar in that lone parents have been blamed and chastised for their position. The important message in the data, for me, is that lone parents in college tend to be highly motivated people."

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Education in brief

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▶ Neil Gaiman received an honorary UArts doctorate. Watch his address at www.uarts.edu/neil-gaiman-keynote-address.

Gaiman to UArts: 'Make good art.'

British author and geek god Neil Gaiman received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Arts on May 17. Gaiman's commencement address, his first, is being called the best of the 2012 graduation season. He told graduates, "Make good art."

In the weeks since, the video of the address has been viewed more than 300,000 times in more than 146 countries. The speech itself has been translated into eight languages.

Gaiman is best known for the graphic novel "Sandmen," as well as novels "American Gods" and "Coraline." In addition, he has written several screenplays.

Temple president Hart steps down

Ann Weaver Hart is stepping down after serving six years as the first female president of Temple University, effective June 30.

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"I have treasured my time at Temple and am proud to have been a part of this extraordinary academic community, which is so central to the vibrant future of our city," Hart said in her address at Temple's May 10 commencement.

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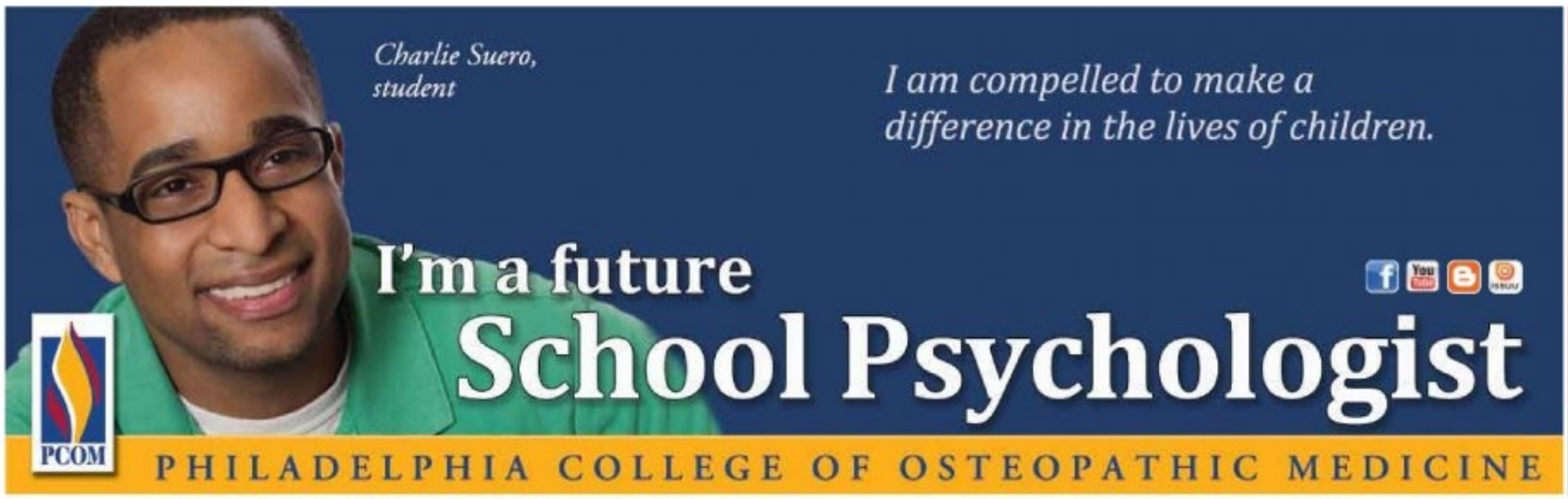

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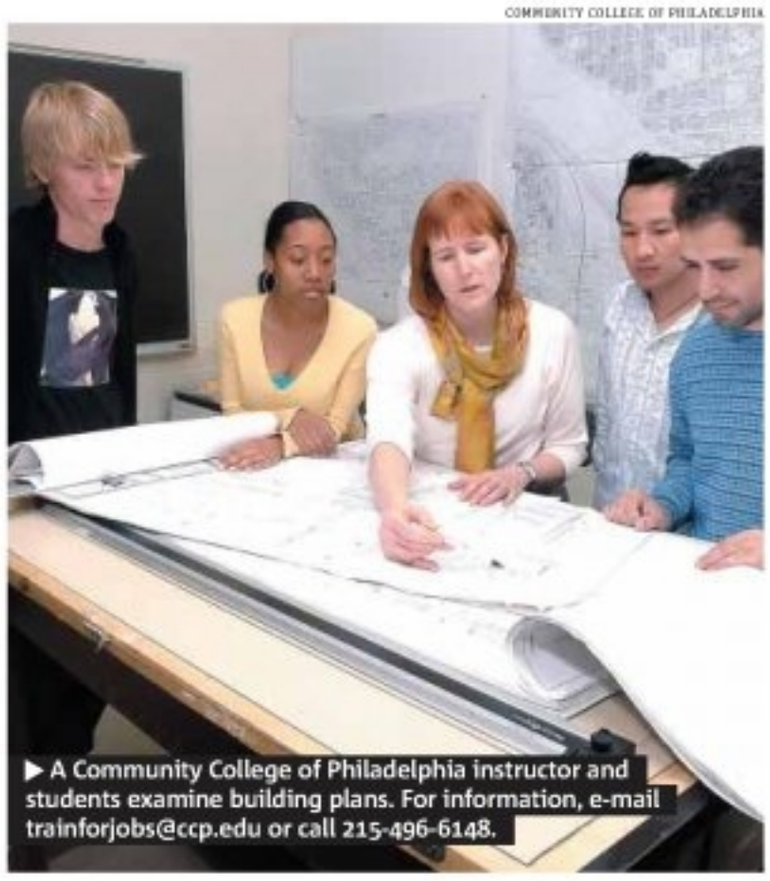

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Advanced manufacturing programs begin July 9. The 10- to 12-week program prepares students to become electro-mechanical technicians, industrial engineering technicians and other manufacturing professionals. Students prepare for the Advanced Manufacturing Integrated Systems Technology Level 1 certification.

The health care core curriculum is designed for career-changers looking to transition into this fast-growing field. The six- to eight-week course covers health care systems, medical technology and computer skills. It will begin in late August or early September.

The courses are part of a three-year, $20 million Department of Labor grant to Pennsylvania's 14 community colleges to address manpower shortages by moving displaced and laid-off workers quickly into high-wage, high-skill occupations.

"Our challenge will be to help laid-off and underemployed workers to understand that short-term and long-term skill retraining is essential if they are to meet the labor demands of Pennsylvania employers, who have made it clear that they prefer candidates with career-specific skills," says college president Stephen Curtis.

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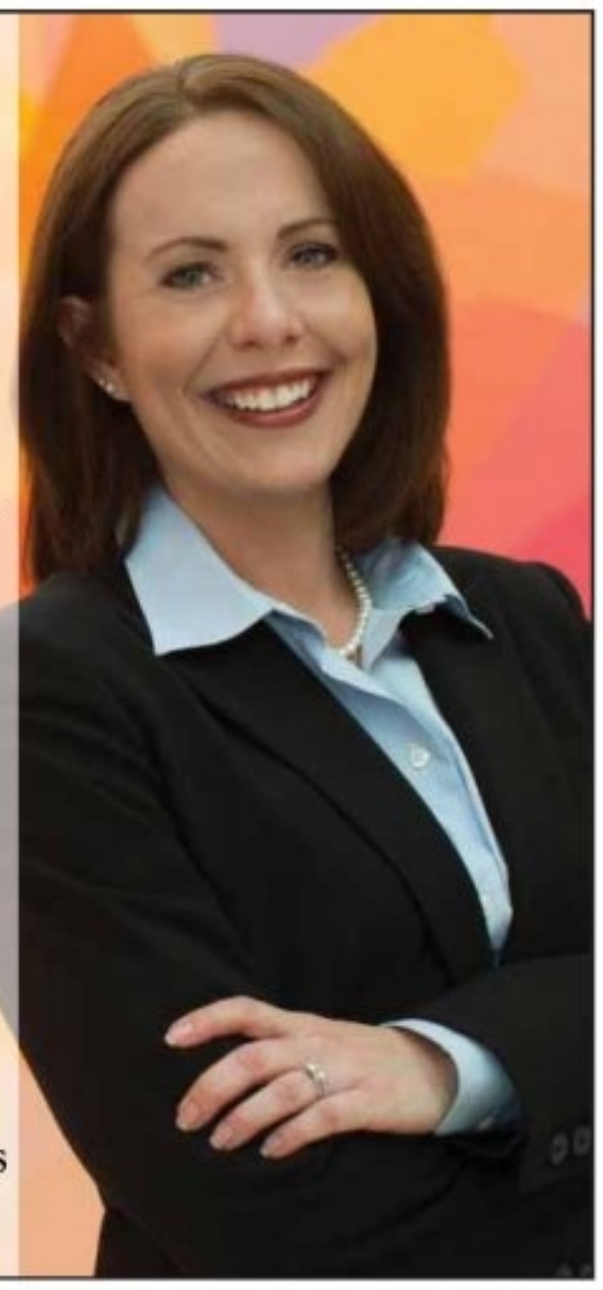

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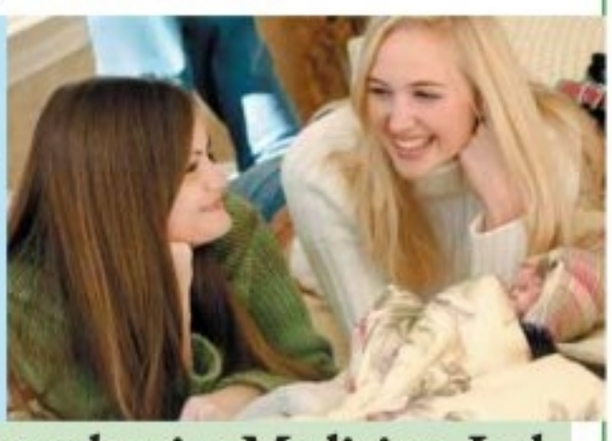

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THE WORD

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Even Celine Dion is over Celine Dion

Back in March, **Kate Winslet** admitted that she, like the rest of us, becomes physically sick upon hearing the opening chords of "Titanic" theme song "My Heart Will Go On."

"I just have to sit there, you know, kind of straight-faced with a massive internal eye roll," she told MTV News, adding that the song made her "feel like throwing up."

Now, **Celine Dion** is empathizing with her — although very diplomatically, considering the chart-topper essentially let her take a decade-long vacation from the real world and its relentless department store playlists.

"'My Heart Will Go On' gave me the opportunity to be associated with a classic that will live forever. If I just count how many times I've sung it, maybe it'll get me sick," she said on the "Today" show yesterday. "If she feels tired just hearing it, and, like, throwing up, I'm glad she was not the one singing it."

As much as we want to enjoy this, the sad, dejected echo of her signature chest thump is getting in the way.

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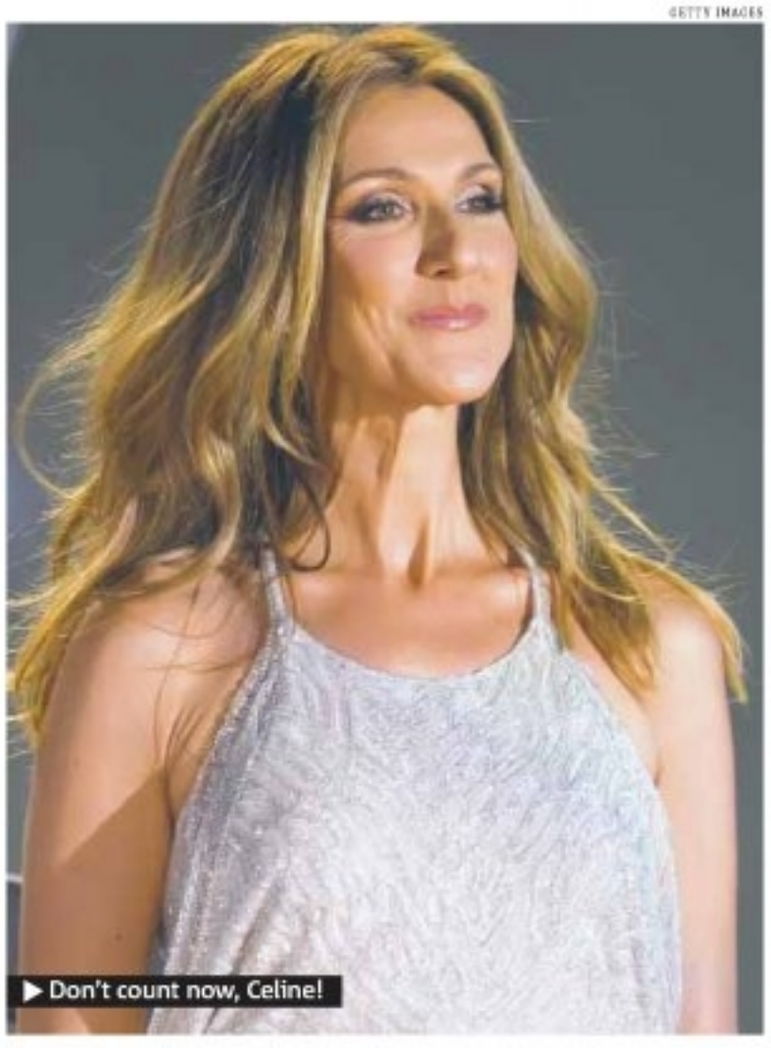
▶ Don't count now, Celine!

Closest thing to a win for Miss USA

While Miss America contestants have to at least pretend to care about current events, the Q&A portion of Sunday night's Miss USA contest was one step up from the "Wheel of Fortune" meet-and-greet.

So we have to hand it to Rhode Island's **Olivia Culpo**. When judge **Rob Kardashian** (yes) asked an uncharacteristically difficult question submitted via Twitter (again, yes) about transgender women competing in the pageant, she managed to answer eloquently.

"There are so many people who have a need to change for a happier life. I do accept that because I believe it's a free country," said Culpo, who later took the crown and will represent the U.S. in the Miss Universe pageant. "This is a free country, and to each their own."

Olivia Culpo

Kid Cudi cites technical difficulties

Kid Cudi was a no-show at the Roots Picnic in Philadelphia on Sunday, but he wants you to know he's not a flake — although he can't say the same for the private jet he was traveling on.

"Pilots noticed they smelled smoke in the cockpit of the plane and came back to tell us we had to make an emergency stop and land immediately," he wrote on his Tumblr, adding that it was too late by the time they landed in Vegas.

That's legitimately scary stuff, and we don't like messing with airport karma over here, so we won't do the math and figure out what time he left the West Coast for a performance in Philly. Let's just say he was going to skip the previews and popcorn.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jimmy Fallon just wants to fit in, Jonathan Ross is enjoying the weather, Jimmy Kimmel is out of words, and Conan O'Brien is not as smart as a 6-year-old.

@jimmyfallon
Gonna hook up with a surfer gang. I need a cool nickname... Thrid? Caster? Lance?

@wossy
Another beautiful day. At this rate I'm going to run out of my trademarked scandously revealing thongs...

@jimmykimmel
bed is good

@ConanOBrien
A 6 year-old was in the National Spelling Bee Finals. She must be quite prekoshus.

Jimmy Kimmel

Talking points

Today, the world is a little more fair

Brad Pitt and **Angelina Jolie** have reportedly found themselves in a bit of a stinky situation with their rented London home, as the sewers on the posh street where they are staying have been backing up, according to the Sun. It forced the famous couple to consider moving to a hotel for a break timed to the Queen's Jubilee over the weekend. "Since their drains started [backing up], the smell in and around their house has become unbearable," a source says.

Adele layered up for Grammys

The usually press-shy **Adele** sat down with **Matt Lauer** for an interview, during which she admitted that she was a bit worried about her appearance at this year's Grammy Awards. "I had three or four pairs of Spanx on that night, but I loved it," she said, laughing. "I actually had another dress made, and I ended up passed out in it. It had a corset and I was like, 'I can't wear that,' so I ended up wearing this instead."

▶ Adele

Make it stop, Miley Cyrus

Former Disney star **Miley Cyrus** is all grown up, and she can't seem to stop talking about her more mature lifestyle — including being intimate. "I think it does change you as a person a little bit, because in a way you start thinking maybe that's like what guys want from you a little bit," she says in an interview with Yahoo Philippines.

We've awakened the Lohans

A fresh feud is brewing between **Lindsay Lohan**'s parents, **Michael Lohan** and **Dina Lohan** — and it's all because Dina's participating in a new reality show, according to Radar Online. "You have no idea what she has done to Lindsay. And if she doesn't keep from pulling her crap and using Lindsay, the truth will be proven and come out," Michael Lohan tells the site.

▶ Lohan

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Best of the 2012 MTV Movie Awards

1 After accepting the MTV Generation Award from Aerosmith's **Steven Tyler** and **Joe Perry**, **Johnny Depp** and his jewelry box joined the **Black Keys** for a rendition of their hit "Gold on the Ceiling."

2 Very British, funnier than the stars he's taunting, coherent enough: **Russell Brand** is, surprisingly, hosting gold.

3 **Jennifer Aniston** went home with the "Best On-Screen Dirtbag" award for her role in "Horrible Bosses."

4 This is **Lil Niqo**. Soak up his day care thug deal while it's still cute.

5 **Kristen Stewart** almost showered, but then decided to screw it and watch "CSI" reruns. Been there, Kris.

6 How would we ever get through awards season without **Emma Stone**'s swagger? The actress took home the Trailblazer award.

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'The Glee Project'

REALITY. The first season of this surprisingly addictive talent search produced two stars for the "Glee" mothership. Tonight, 14 new kids attempt to seek admission to McKinley High with their talent and drive — and a performance in front of star Lea Michele. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., Oxygen**

'Concert for the Queen: A Diamond Jubilee Celebration with Katie Couric'

SPECIAL. Sixty years spent in the same gig is an impressive feat by any standards. But when you're wearing a crown for that long, the accomplishment is feted with more than a gold watch. Paul McCartney, Elton John and Tom Jones are among the stars — aided by 10,000 concertgoers in attendance at Buckingham Palace — celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's tenure. **9 p.m., ABC**

AMBER RAY

Accompanying oneself on a journey called life

Budding starlet Louise Brooks and her chaperone Cora Kaufmann aren't in Kansas anymore In Laura Moriarty's 'The Chaperone,' the unlikely pair head to the Big Apple in search of their respective fortunes

Flapper-era film actress Louise Brooks infamously couldn't be controlled, even at 15. But don't expect "The Chaperone" — in part based on Brooks' biographies — to be a "Taming of the Shrew" adaptation. Author Laura Moriarty's fictional account of Cora — a middle-aged housewife who accompanies the would-be star from Wichita, Kansas, to a New York City dance audition in 1922 — is instead a tale of self-discovery and self-preservation. Although the unlikely pair's escape from the doldrums of Midwestern life is mutually beneficial, what Cora yields from their turbulent relationship is invaluable: the courage to think rationally and see things the way they are, rather than accept what she's been taught. Sincere and engrossing, the novel has already been optioned for film by "Downton Abbey" actress Elizabeth McGovern. We talk with Moriarty about how the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Louise represents a progressive culture. As a suffragist married to a closeted gay man, Cora doesn't exactly represent the opposite. Major cultural shifts are happening now, too.

The commonalities surprise me. Cora gets very involved in birth control issues. She has to talk to a man about it, and she fears what he'll think of her. I remember thinking when writing the novel a couple of years ago that everybody uses birth control [nowadays], and it's not something that women should be punished or labeled for. Then [the issue came up] in 2012! The reason Cora can't talk to her doctor about her body — 100 years later, it's the same. And with her marriage — we have this nostalgic view of the past, like everybody was the Waltons. There were gay people then, too. How many generations had to hide who they were and make crazy arrangements to make things work? We have no idea when we look at sepia-toned family portraits. Relationships were probably more complicated than anyone knew.

Q&A

Do you agree with Cora that spending time with younger folks is a "big payoff for all the pain"?

I teach, so I spend a lot of time with people [ages] 19 to 25. I'm 42 — that's about the age difference between Cora and Louise. [Students] can be so maddening and rude. Louise is terrible to Cora, but it's an admission worth paying for. I've tapped into Cora's feelings by having felt similarly. It keeps you young.

Cora seeks her identity in NYC, a place where she's alone and unable to seek validation from friends, family or even Louise.

In a place where no one has any former impressions of you, you can really be whoever you are. It's liberating — but it's also frightening, because so much of our identities are rooted in how other people see us. As difficult as [Cora's] time in New York is, it's the difficulties that make her grow. I didn't want the book to be about Louise teaching Cora to be free. Cora is more complicated, and Louise turns out to be not as confident as she appears.

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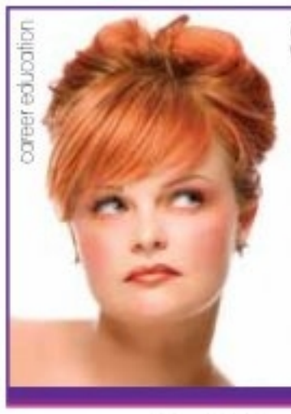

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Addicted to arousal

Teaming up with artist and psychologist Nikita Duncan, Dr. Philip Zimbardo tackled a long-standing interest in the harmful effects of video games and pornography on young men for the new TED Book, "The Demise of Guys: Why Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About It," which covers the threats of "arousal addiction" and fatherlessness. We spoke with Zimbardo and Duncan about their research, alarming conclusions and what parents can do.

On the "enchantment" of porn and video games:
These things contribute to an arrested development. So much of what kids do happens in phases — you do one thing, you get bored with it, you move on. The problem with video games and pornography is that they're enchanting the youth, and by enchanting, we mean drawing them away unfairly from advancing through phases. These things are designed to be addictive and benefit from your addiction, and so it becomes very difficult to move forward and develop further into maturity for a lot of boys since they feel their needs — sexual and social — are being met. This is especially dangerous when these activities are done alone and to excess.

On communication breakdown:
This is an epidemic. It's not a phase that boys just go through. Living on the Internet is becoming a problem for the whole society, let alone around the world. There's an illusion of connectedness. People can play video games over the Internet with each other, but there's no one side-by-side. That means you're not learning the basics of social interaction. So, when you meet someone, you don't know how to talk to them.

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▶ Alone and to excess: a dangerous combination

On single-mothering:
Parents show love to their children differently. A mother's love is unconditional. A father's love is conditional — a father sets terms for a child to meet in order to receive approval. In a single-mother household, it is very important that the mother shift into a split role of both parents, offering love but also guidelines and discipline, to account for the lack of a male mentor present at home.

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Gone, daddy, gone

"The phenomenon of boys growing up without fathers is critical," Dr. Zimbardo says. "There's a lot of research showing the devastating effects of growing up without a father — cognitive functions, health functions, social functions. That's a killer combination."

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Mixed bag on the Catholic Church

RE: "CHURCH HYPOCRISY IS BAD FOR DEMOCRACY": Ms. Di Giacomo is correct, but I don't think that she has gone quite far enough in understanding religious institutions. Religion is big business, and it operates in its own financial best interest (as any business does). That would be fine, except that citizens — including noncommunicants — are required to subsidize those businesses with tax exemptions.
LEWIS WALSH, VIA E-MAIL

The Catholic Church is suing Obama over freedom of religion, which is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. It has nothing whatsoever to do with school vouchers. Catholics pay taxes to support schools. They don't believe "sex education" is a proper subject for public schools. Everyone has a right to believe whatever he wishes. However, you do not have a right to teach it to my kid.
ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA E-MAIL

We must pay rich or they'll leave us!

RE: "WE SUBSIDIZE THE RICH, PUNISH THE POOR": Rita Varley points out in her writings that we subsidize the rich. Our country currently has the highest corporate taxes of any country in the world, which is why many corporations have moved out of the U.S. This is smart business on their part, and anyone with half a business mind would do the same thing. If you penalize these companies and the owners of these companies simply to generate funds to subsidize the lazy, they will undoubtedly take their business elsewhere — which leads to nothing more than higher unemployment in this country and inevitably more poor people. Free market is currently taking effect on green companies, but it is slow and expensive developing the technology. In order for it to be competitive, it has to happen based on the demands of the market.
JOEY WHITMOYER, VIA E-MAIL

"Whose fault is this overload of responsibilities?"

RE: "SINGLE-PARENT STUDENTS STILL FACE DIFFICULTIES": Concerning a new study showing that colleges and universities could do so much more in dealing with the problem of barriers faced by single student moms seeking a college education, I wonder who created this educational problem. It is nice to know that the author of this study herself went from being a single-mom student to being a university professor, but for the majority of moms it is not possible to sustain college studies and raising a baby simultaneously. Whose fault is this overload of responsibilities? Is it the schools of higher learning or is the individual raising a child alone? I am glad to see single moms trying to go to school with newborns, but the difficulties presented in such an effort fall on the individual. Why is society responsible when college students find it difficult to take classroom work? I wonder what role the student needs to acknowledge in how they found themselves in their predicament in the first place. Bad choices produce consequences that make life more difficult, don't they?
SAL GIARRATANI, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** By serving as a middleman and bringing two divergent factions together, you'll yield profitable results as well. Chances are it will be a special niche that only you can fill.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Strive to use your mind logically — but by the same token, don't totally detach from your intuitive faculties as well. If you employ both, you'll have a highly successful day.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Instead of worrying about things that will never happen, focus your mental faculties on achieving positive results. If you apply yourself, things will come easily to you.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Something you've been anxious to complete isn't likely to be as difficult to achieve as you think. The intervention of an accomplished ally will be a great catalyst.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Plans to which you've given considerable time should not be subjected to alterations at the last minute. Your blueprint is a good one; it will pan out quite well.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Something over which you have only nominal control could be subject to a number of unexpected changes. It might shake you up at first, but the turbulence will ultimately turn out to be constructive.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** For the first time, you'll see that you're finally making some headway in a relationship that you've been hell-bent on improving. It proves there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Recipients will appreciate your cooperative spirit. And because you show such a concern for them, they in turn will help you accomplish something that requires teamwork.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Since you're exceptionally good at finalizing things to your satisfaction, it behooves you to focus on more significant priorities and make sure they come to fruition.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** A pleasant surprise is likely to be in store if you make an effort to get to know a friendly acquaintance a little better.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** An opportunity to learn something that will be of great value in the long term will present itself. When you hear opportunity knocking, don't just stand there — get the door.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** More than a few unexpected rewards are likely to be yours because of the considerate way you treat people. If they can find a way to express their gratitude materially, they will.
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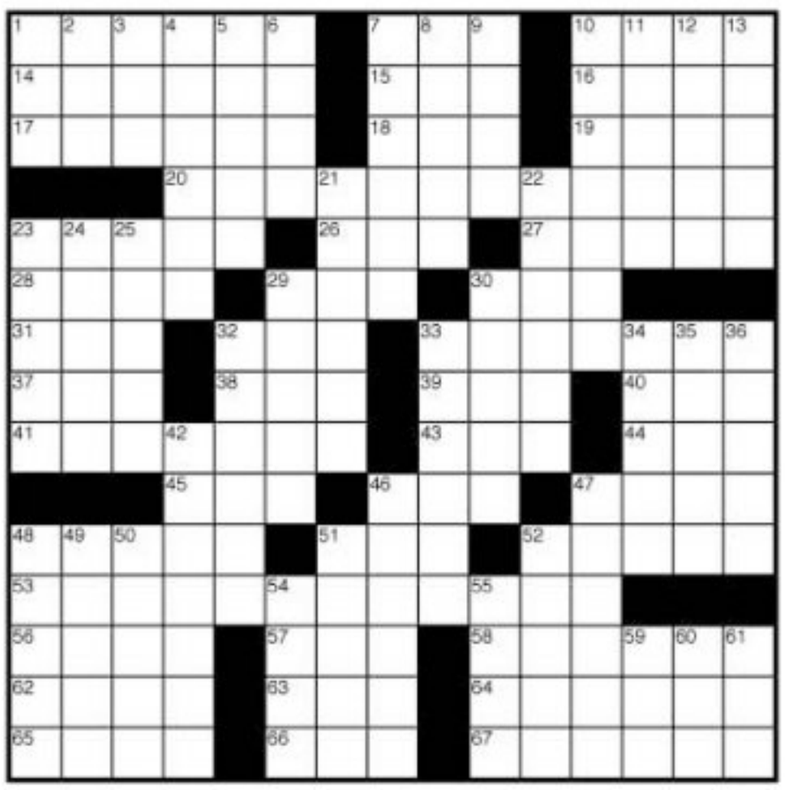

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Nickel for your thoughts: Hanson proving worth

Veteran corner comfortable playing the slot ◗ Gets first-team reps with Rodgers-Cromartie out ◗ Could be in for training camp battle with rookie

Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie wasn't on the practice field yesterday after his plane back to Philadelphia was delayed due to weather. Maybe he was on Kid Cudi's flight.

Either way, one man's broken travel itinerary is another man's gain.

With Rodgers-Cromartie missing, Joselio Hanson took the first-team reps and the veteran didn't miss a beat. Known as the Eagles' nickel corner, Hanson knows — barring a major injury — he won't be a starter. Those jobs belong to Rodgers-Cromartie and Nnamdi Asomugha. However, his role on this team, in this defense, is invaluable. He'll once again play the slot and he will be counted on heavily in Juan Castillo's press coverage style.

"If I'm inside, that'll be a great combination," he said.

Rodgers-Cromartie was largely used in the slot last season, as the Birds tried to incorporate their vaunted cornerback troika. The experiment didn't work out well. DRC struggled inside and forced the team to trade Asante Samuel in the offseason. Hanson has seen an improvement already.

"He's playing off all his instincts and he has had a couple picks so far in the OTAs," Hanson said of DRC. "He's feeling good."

Hanson might also be battling for a roster spot in training camp. The Eagles drafted rookie Brandon Boykin in the fourth round of the NFL draft, and the youngster has flashed his ball-hawking skills and athleticism early in OTAs. He could develop into Hanson's replacement at nickel corner.

"I think he's going to be a good player in this league," Hanson said. "I don't plan on giving up my position anytime soon. We'll see what happens."

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▶ Joselio Hanson has been a valuable contributor in his six seasons in the Eagles' secondary.

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Games played for Joselio Hanson in his six seasons in South Philly, including 16 starts. He has recorded four career interceptions and 40 pass deflections since 2006.

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▶ Chase Utley went 3-for-4 with a home run yesterday in a spring training games against the Yankees.

Injured Utley homers in spring training debut

◗ All-Star looked good swinging bat, running bases ◗ Played designated hitter vs. Yankees ◗ Manuel doesn't rule out moving Utley to left field

It's only extended spring training, but it's good news. Chase Utley went 3-for-4 in his spring training debut with a homer and a double yesterday against the Yankees.

The competition is not of the major league variety, but it's encouraging. Utley drove the ball and he ran the bases. He didn't play defense.

The rehabbing All-Star, who has missed a healthy portion of the beginning of the season for two consecutive years, started as DH. The biggest issue for Utley is playing the field, particularly second base, which is tough on the knees.

Should the Phillies consider moving Utley to another position, left field perhaps, to lower stress on his bad knees?

Charlie Manuel admitted that the Phillies have considered that option when he returns. But before Utley is possibly transferred to a new post, he will have to approve the move.

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"They're a much different team with Chase Utley. He provides so much with his bat and his leadership."
BRAD LIDGE

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Regular-season games Chase Utley has missed over the past three seasons. He was out 47 contests in 2010; 59 in 2011; and 56 so far this season.

"I think we should ask him before we do that," the Phillies skipper said.

That's not surprising since Manuel has immense respect for one of his team's leaders. Perhaps Utley can move to first base until Ryan Howard comes back. Former Phillie closer Brad Lidge believes the Phillies need Utley.

"They miss him in that lineup," said Lidge, who now plays for the Nationals. "They're a much different team with Chase Utley. They're definitely a more difficult team. He provides so much with his bat and his leadership."

But it's a matter of where they'll place his glove and if his knees can take the day-to-day pounding in the field. It's going to get very interesting.

"Getting him healthy and seeing what he can still do is the big thing," said Manuel.

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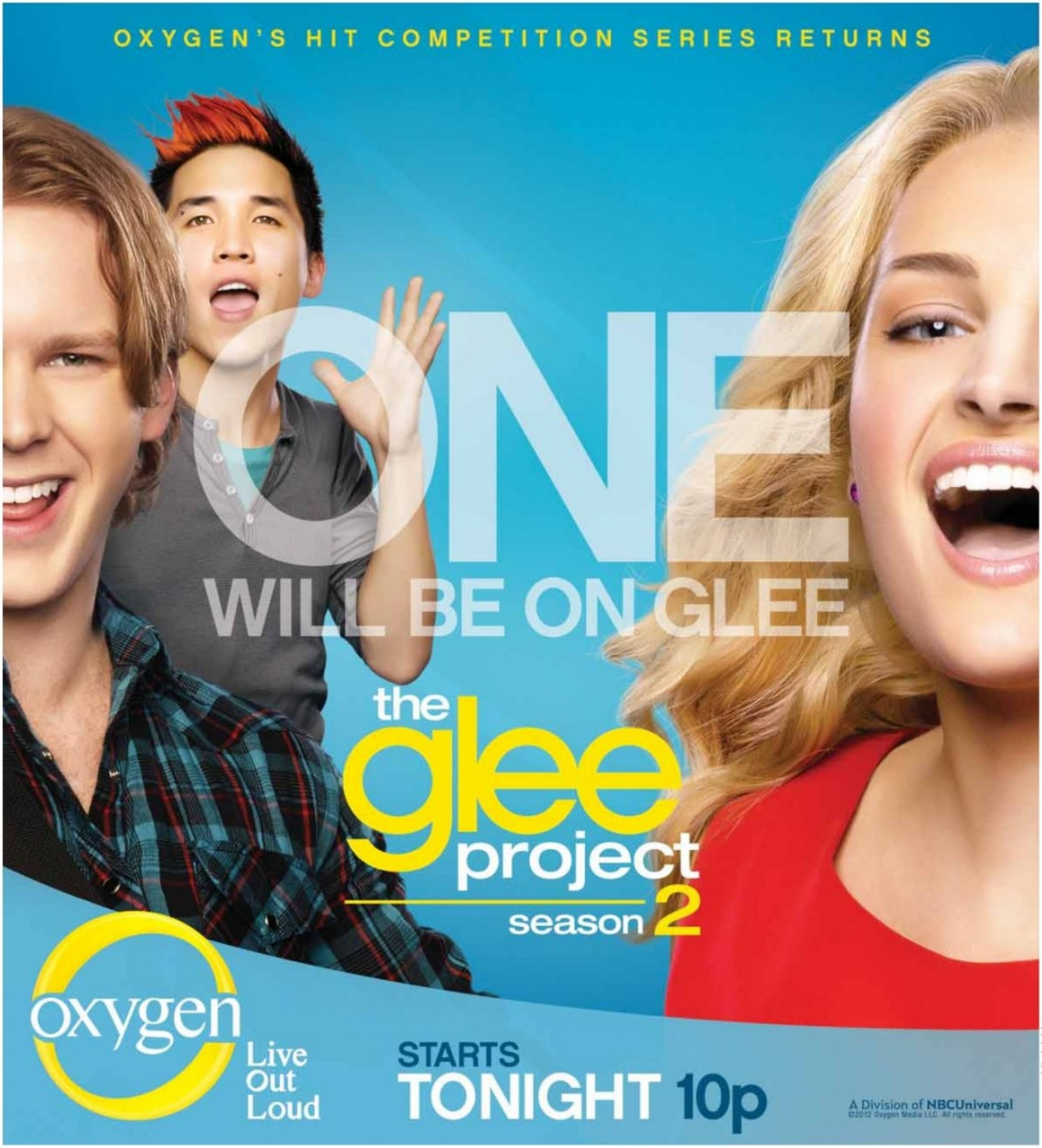
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